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Dear Y.A.B Tuan Amirudin Shari,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed degazetting of 930.93 hectares of Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve by the Forestry Department. The proposed area comprises 97% of the total forest reserve and is home to four Temuan Indigenous settlements. If this land is degazetted, more than 1,000 Indigenous people face dispossession of their lands and forced relocation.

Indigenous peoples in Malaysia have often faced encroachment on their land because of development projects, preventing them from benefiting from their traditional sources of livelihood and leaving them at risk of poverty and further marginalisation. In the worst cases, they have been summarily dispossessed of their lands, forced from their homes, and made to witness the depletion and degradation of natural resources they lay claim to.

According to the community, the state made no effort to inform them of the nature, extent, and social and environmental impacts of the degazetting, or discuss alternatives. In fact, they say the first time they heard about the proposed de-gazetting was when they read the notice in the newspaper.

I am gravely concerned at the possible violation of free, prior and informed consent principles in this process. Principles that the Malaysian government has confirmed their commitment to through voting in favour of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2007 and the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014.

I urge your office to act swiftly to protect Indigenous land in Selangor. Specifically, I call on you to:

- **Immediately cease the order to degazette KLNFR as forest reserve;**
- **Work with the Department of Orang Asli Development and take immediate and concrete steps to ensure that KLNFR is gazetted as Orang Asli land by the end of the year; and**
- **Ensure the full participation of the Temuan Indigenous community and obtain their free, prior and informed consent in all plans around the compliance of the gazetting of KLNFR.**

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,